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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Mail Stop: RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/943,893
	Filing Date	August 30, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Shinako Matsuyama
	Art Unit	2876
	Examiner Name	S. Paik
	Attorney Docket No.	09792909-5132

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously mailed on January 28, 2004, and telefaxed to the examiner on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)

b. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any discrepancies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-3140

i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

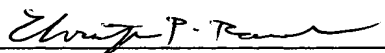
ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)


iii. ☐ Other

b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the **filing fee of \$770.00** and the balance of the **three-month extension fee of \$530.00 (\$420.00 having previously been paid)** to American Express credit card. Form 2038 is attached for that purpose.

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